GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Package to Arecanut Growers
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced a financial package for arecanut growers of Karnataka to provide them debt relief;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of farmers benefitted from the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): No, Madam. However, in January 2012, Government had announced a financial package for arecanut growers of Karnataka to provide them debt relief. The package was formulated to improve the productivity and farm income of arecanut based farming system in arecanut growing districts in Karnataka. The details of benefits extended to the beneficiaries as on 30.09.2015 are as under:

i) 68,133 term loan accounts have been rescheduled;
ii) 9,262 crop loan accounts have been converted; and
iii) 7,481 fresh loans have been issued.

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